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Connecticut General Assembly
Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
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Dear Members of the Commerce Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

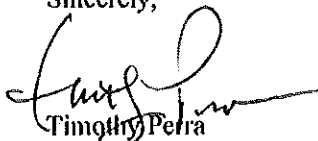
Stanley Black & Decker, an S&P 500 tools and security company headquartered in New Britain, Connecticut, for more than 170 years, supports Connecticut House Bill HB 5403 for expansion of the Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC), an education non profit whose mission we support and whose goals align with our interests in building a skilled STEM workforce.

Stanley is a longstanding sponsor of the Connecticut Invention Convention, financially and with volunteers from our operations in Connecticut. Our partnership with the CIC is strong and continues to build, with involvement in local Connecticut school districts participating in the CIC programs, as well as at CIC's final event at the University of Connecticut, hosted by the UConn School of Engineering. Stanley also sponsors awards for student innovators and provides training materials for teachers in CIC's participating schools.

We believe CIC provides children with the tools to construct new and creative solutions with real world applications. We support CIC's mission to inspire the next generation of American innovators. CIC's efforts are consistent with our commitment to fostering innovation and advancing STEM education in our Connecticut communities.

CIC is expanding rapidly, reaching into a greater number of schools with every year, and is now in more than half of Connecticut's towns and cities. But rapid growth requires operational support in order to sustain and expand this effort and continue to serve our youth with a vital program. Stanley Black & Decker supports HB 5403 which would match 3:1 private sector funds, such as ours, with \$100,000 funding from the state. We urge you to give this bill your full consideration during this session and provide the funding needed to continue CIC's expansion into Connecticut schools.

Sincerely,



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